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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3347**
Xing Dong WANG et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1476A
Serial No. 10/591,588 : Group Art Unit 1621
Filed September 5, 2006 : Examiner MariaLouisa Lao
ORGANIC ACID ANION CONTAINING : **Mail Stop: Amendment**
ALUMINUM SALT HYDROXIDE
PARTICLES, PRODUCTION METHOD
THEREOF, AND USE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 22, 2007, constituting a requirement for restriction among Groups I-VIII as defined on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, i.e. claims 1-15, 17 and 19-24.

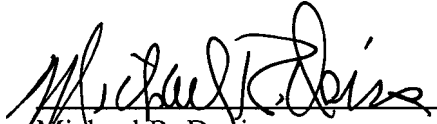
Applicants emphasize that this election is made while reserving their rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter.

Regarding the Examiner's comments on pages 4-5 of the Office Action, concerning the 5/25 claim rule which was scheduled to become effective November 1, 2007, Applicants note that a preliminary injunction was granted by a Federal District Court on October 31, 2007, preventing the USPTO's entire new patent rules package from taking effect as planned on November 1, 2007.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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